

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2118 – SB 2561**

March 21, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Establishes the State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Council (council) to advise the Executive Director (director) of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) on issues related to palliative care. Requires the TCAD to provide administrative support to the council. Requires the director of the TCAD to appoint up to 10 members to serve on the council. Such members shall include industry experts and shall receive no compensation for their services. Requires the council to submit an annual report beginning January 15, 2020, to the General Assembly addressing barriers to palliative care access, analyzes of service utilization data, and to provide recommendations and best practices to address gaps in service.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures – \$4,900

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015547):** Deletes and replaces language of the original bill to require the Director of the TCAD to appoint up to 11 members to serve on the council, instead of 10 members as proposed by the original bill. Adds language to require one council member be from the Department of Health. Adds language to establish that no council members can receive compensation for their services or travel reimbursement for attending meetings.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information from the TCAD, the commission will provide administrative support to the council utilizing existing staff and resources.
- The Director of the TCAD will appoint 11 members to serve on the council. Such members shall receive no compensation for their services and will not be reimbursed for travel expenses. The council will meet quarterly.

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- Any increase in expenditures to the council to compile and submit the annual report will be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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